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Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

The Secretary-General has received a nomination from the Government of the Russian Federation for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.[1] The candidate is Yuri Alexandrovitch **Boitchenko**.

Biographical information on Mr. Boitchenko is set out in the annex.

[1] See E/2001/L.2/Add.14, Add.15 and Add.16 for information on other candidates nominated by Governments.

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Annex

Yuri Alexandrovitch Boitchenko

Education

1965-1975	Secondary school
1976-1979	Military service
1980-1989	Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University), Faculty of International Law; studied international public and private law, constitutional law, international economic relations, political economy, philosophy, basics of management
1997	Entered the Diplomatic Academy for postgraduate research to obtain doctor's degree in law

Professional training

1988	United Nations workshop on the theme "Human rights and administration of justice"
1989	United Nations course on the theme "International norms and standards in the field of human rights"
1990	United Nations workshop on the theme "International human rights standards"
1991	United Nations fellowship programme on the theme "United Nations human rights machinery"
1991	Twenty-second study session on the theme "CE practice in the field of human rights" (International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg)
1992	International cooperative human rights training programme (Canadian Human Rights Foundation)
1993-1997	Annual ICRC course on international humanitarian law for diplomatic corps (Geneva)

Employment

July 1997 to present	Head of Human Rights Division, Department of International Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
December 1992-June 1997	Third, Second and First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office at Geneva, responsible for human rights, legal and humanitarian issues (covered CHR, ICRC, UNHCR, IOM, UNICEF activities)
August 1989-December 1992	Attaché, Third Secretary, Human Rights and Humanitarian Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the former USSR

Professional experience

Member of the Russian Federation delegation to the following bodies on the dates indicated:

1991-2001	Commission on Human Rights
1993-2001	Subcommission on promotion and protection of human rights
1993-1999	Working group on draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on involvement of children in armed conflict (head of delegation)
1993-2000	Working group on draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture
1994-1999	Working group on draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography
1995	Twenty-seventh International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent
1995-2000	Working group on draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples
1995-1996	Diplomatic Conference on the Second Revised Protocol to the Convention on Conventional Weapons, 1980
1999-2000	Working group on the right to development
2000	European Conference against Racism
2001	World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance

Other activities

Coordinator on the implementation of a project for human rights education capacity development (agreement signed in 1999 between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Member, Board of Trustees, Academy for the Promotion of Civic Culture

Visiting lecturer, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University)

Languages

Russian, Ukrainian, English, French